(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has no such information. As per the policy in vogue, Commercial Banks finance schemes which are viable and bankable irrespective of whether the sugarcane is for supply to any sugar factory or not.

Fund to Jute Mills for Modernisation Programme

5257. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to different jute mills to implement modernisation programme, mill-wise;

(b) whether these mills have utilised the fund obtained by them for modernisation;

(c) if so, the amount spent by each mill on implementation of the programme during the last three years and achievements made by each mill in production by implementing such programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The position of disbursement of funds under the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme as on 31st July 1991 is

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	*Name of Mill*	*Amount Disbursed*
1.	Anglo India Jute Mills Company Ltd.	1.00
2.	Hasting Mill	1.56
3.	Aekta Limited	4.26
4.	India Jute & Industries Limited	6.68
5.	Birla Jute & Industries Ltd.	3.68
6.	Naihati Jute Mills Co. Ltd.	1.36
7.	Gange Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	2.35
8.	Chitavalsah Jute Mill	1.75
9.	Cheviot Co. Ltd.	1.92
10.	Kevin Jute Co.	1.14
11.	New Central Jute Mills Ltd.	1.85

(b) The aforesaid amount has been earmarked for implementation of the schemes sanctioned for modernisation and has been almost fully utilised.

(c) There has been a general improvement in production, productivity and efficiency in jute mills which have under taken programme of modernisation but it is too early to quantify the exact extent of such improvement due to modernisation.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of Marine Products Export Development Authority

5258. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Marine Products Export Development Authority;

(b) if so, the basic objectives thereof;

(c) when the authority came into being; and

(d) the various works and programmes undertaken by the authority so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic objectives are:

i) Conservation and management of fishery resources and development of off-shore and deep-sea fishing;

ii) Registration of exporters and processing plants;

iii) Regulation of marine products export;

iv) Laying down standards and specifications;

v) Rendering financial or other assistance and acting as an agency for extension of relief and subsidy as per directions from Government;

vi) Helping the industry in relation to market intelligence, export promotion and import of essential items;

vii) Imparting training in different aspects of the marine products industry, with special reference to quality control, processing and marketing;

viii) Promotion of commercial shrimp farming; and

ix) Promotion of joint ventures in deep-sea fishing, aqaculture, production, processing and marketing of value-added seafood.

(c) The Authority came into being on 30th April, 1972 by an Act of Parliament.